

RESOLUTION NO._____, SERIES 2010

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 8 OF THE
RULES OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY
METRO GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**

**SPONSORED BY: Councilwoman Marianne Butler, District 15,
and Councilman Bob Henderson, District 14**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE
LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS
FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: Section 8 of the Rules of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro
Government Council is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 8. ORDER & DECORUM

8.01 All members shall maintain proper decorum during meetings of the Council.
If any member, while speaking or otherwise, transgresses any rule of the Council or
fails to maintain proper decorum, the President shall call such member to order. After
hearing a short explanation from the member called to order, or upon withdrawal by
the member of the objectionable language, the President may permit the member to
proceed, or may compel silence upon the member until the matter is disposed of.
The ruling of the President shall be subject to an appeal to the Council pursuant to
Rule 5.14.

8.02 The President shall recognize a member, who desires to speak in debate or on a subject open to debate, in order to obtain the floor. A member shall speak only on matters germane to the business or questions under debate for such period of time as the President may designate. When two or more members seek recognition at the same time, the President shall designate who shall have the right to speak. The Council may, by a vote of eighteen (18) of its members, excluding the member being disciplined, expel a member from a meeting for disorderly conduct during such meeting or may impose such other discipline or penalty as is deemed necessary.

8.03 No member shall introduce any item or document, or any part of an item or document, in any proceeding before a Committee of the Council without making copies thereof available to all members of the Committee no less than 48 hours before the scheduled date and time of the proceeding, and unless the item or document bears the signature of the originator together with contact information for the originator . This Section 8.03 shall not apply to written amendments to any pending item of legislation.

~~8.03~~ 8.04 No member shall leave the Chamber without special leave being granted by the President.

~~8.04~~ 8.05 No person, except Council members, the Council's staff, Metro Government officers, or members of the press shall be admitted upon the floor of the Chamber unless permitted by a vote of the Council. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms to enforce this rule with such aid as may be necessary to be detailed by the Chief of Police.

~~8.05~~ 8.06 All persons shall maintain proper decorum during meetings of the Council. If any person, while speaking or otherwise, transgresses any rule of the Council or fails to maintain proper decorum, the President shall call such person to order. Loud, noisy, profane, disruptive or boisterous behavior on the part of visitors or onlookers at meetings of the Council or at Council committee meetings or hearings shall not be tolerated, and the President of the Council or the presiding officer of any committee meeting or hearing shall have the discretion to order the Chief of Police or any officers, assistants and Sergeants-at-Arms to remove from the Chambers or meeting room any person or persons engaged in such activity.

Section 2: This resolution shall be effective upon its passage and approval.

Kathleen J. Herron
Metro Council Clerk

Thomas L. Owen
President of the Council

Jerry E. Abramson, Mayor

Approved: _____
Date

Approved as to Form and Legality:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

By: _____

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